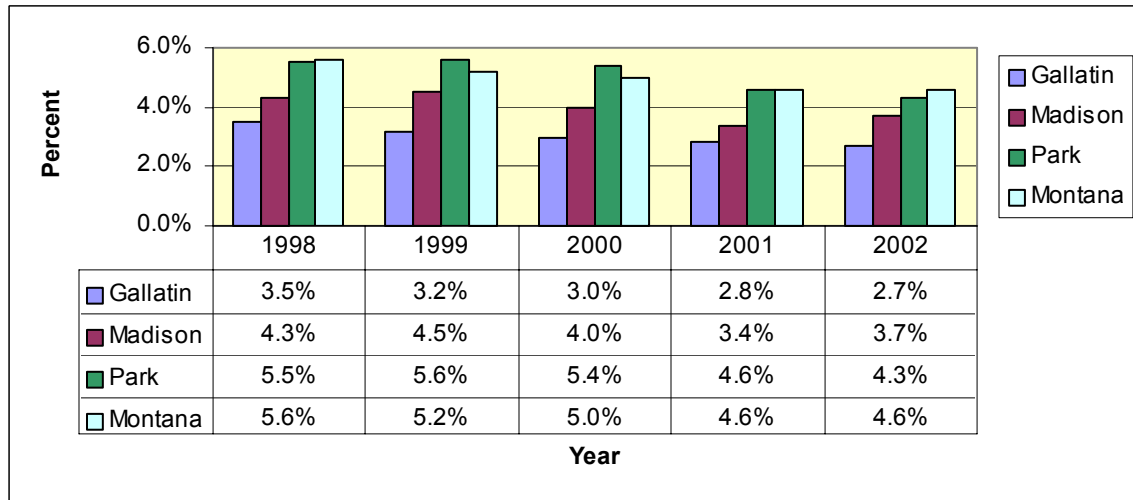


Unemployment: The unemployment trend from 1998-2002 has shown a steady decrease in the percentage of unemployed persons within Gallatin County and the state. Compared to adjacent counties and the state, Gallatin County's unemployment percentages are consistently lower.

Unemployment Rate, 1998-2002



Source: Gallatin County Montana - An Economic Profile 2002, Gallatin Development Corporation;
 Montana Employment and Labor Force Trends; Research & Analysis Bureau, Census
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